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For: OPTICAL DISK DEVICE RECORDING
DATA ON A RECORDABLE OR
REWRITABLE OPTICAL DISK BY
SETTING A RECORDING VELOCITY
AND A RECORDING POWER FOR
EACH OF ZONES ON AN OPTICAL
DISK

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned (37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)).

A copy of each reference on the PTO/SB/08 is attached. A copy of the English language abstract for each reference is attached.

The references cited in this Information Disclosure Statement have been previously cited in Japanese priority application No. 2000-363383.

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1073, under Order No. R2184.0116/P116.

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